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RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER CHEW, CHIEF OF POLICE OF EVESHAM, NEW JERSEY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I stand today to recognize Christopher Chew, Chief of Police for Evesham, New Jersey, for his 25 years of service to his community and our state.

Eight months after graduating from Rowan University with a degree in criminal justice, Chief Chew began his career with the Evesham Township Police Department's (ETPD) patrol bureau in February of 1997. He soon transferred to the investigative bureau, where he conducted investigations into the distribution of illegal narcotics alongside the Burlington County Prosecutors Office Narcotics Task Force.

In April of 2010, he was selected to command the newly created Office of Professional Standards, overseeing areas such as internal affairs, policy management, and accreditations. In 2011 thanks to his leadership, ETPD became a nationally accredited law enforcement agency through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and has been further accredited throughout the years. This merit, often described as the "gold standard in public safety", places ETPD in the top one percent of agencies across the country. This distinction is shared with only seven other municipal law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

In August of 2013, he was promoted to Chief of Evesham Police and over the course of his eight and a half years, Chief Chew sought to strengthen ties between his department and our community. I had the pleasure of meeting Chief Chew in my first term as Congressman and came to know him and his commitment to tackling challenges in our community. Seeing an unprecedented increase in opioid overdoses and deaths, he worked with local drug counselors to provide immediate assistance to anyone suffering from addiction through the "Straight to Treatment" program. In addition, officers and educators worked together under the #NotEvenOnce program at Cherokee High School to inform students about the dangers of opioid addiction. This interactive experience showed students the connection between the opioid epidemic at large and its connection to our community.

Chief Chew was recently asked about his proudest accomplishment. He described new wellness and safety programs for the members of his department which have yielded a healthier, more vibrant, collaborative, and productive workforce. Outside organizations have described it as the "first of its kind" and has since become a model for other departments across the country.

Chief Chew represents the best New Jersey has to offer—exemplifying service and being a positive example for others in our community.

Despite his upcoming retirement next week, Chief Chew plans to remain active in the force and committed to passing on his knowledge to the department's next generation of leadership. I wish him the best of luck with his retirement as he spends his time teaching yoga and writing, taking time to be with his wife, Nicole, and two children, Michael and Natalie. May retirement bring him the happiness and comfort his service gave us for 25 years.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF TRAVIS ADAM STARK

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of World War II veteran Travis Adam Stark.

Travis Stark was born on January 31, 1922, in Blox, Texas, to parents George and Georgia Stark. The eldest of nine children, Travis spent his youth working on the family farm in Bon Wier, Texas. At 19, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and was sent to work in Zavalla, Texas. While employed with the CCC, he was chosen to assist a local college with trapping foxes for research purposes. Due to the economic instability brought on by the Great Depression, he sent most of his wages back home to support his family. After 11 months with the CCC, Travis accepted a job at the local shipyard and was there only a few weeks before being drafted by the United States Army.

On November 4, 1942, Travis was assigned to Company C of the 844th Engineer Aviation Battalion. His job within the battalion was to build airstrips and operate and maintain heavy equipment. His company was sent to England just before D-Day. After our forces invaded Normandy, Travis' company was sent to France. He was later stationed in Germany and then in Austria. While in Austria, he and 11 other "good old boys" from Texas and Louisiana were asked to hunt game to supplement the Army's rations with fresh meat. After doing his part to fill the stomachs of his fellow warfighters, Travis's company was sent back to France, where they boarded a ship and returned to America. For his military service, Travis received an honorable discharge on January 1, 1946, along with a European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal, a Victory Ribbon, one Service Stripe, five Overseas Service Bars, and an Expert Rifle Badge.

After his time in the Army ended, Travis returned to Southeast Texas. He began working for Texaco, Inc., where he would remain for the next 39 years. Later, Travis married Bernis Kraus, and they had one daughter. He later became the proud grandfather of two granddaughters and the great-grandfather of five great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Travis spent his life loving God, his family, and his country. It is my honor to recognize him as an American patriot who valiantly answered the call to protect and defend this great nation during the Second World War. I thank him for his inspiring service and dedication to our country.

LAUREN MARTENS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lauren Martens of SEIU for his 16 years of service to the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) Colorado State Council.

For more than 40 years, Lauren has organized and fought tirelessly on issues in the labor community on many different issues. In his last position he fought and advocated for a raise to the minimum wage and won paid sick and family leave, passed and defended the Affordable Care Act, helped fund public services, defeated attacks on union rights, fought for immigrant and racial justice, and much more.

He has been able to help support members fighting for and winning their union, making their voices heard in politics, and winning improvements in their lives at the bargaining table, including with the first-ever union contract for state employees. I have admired Lauren's passion to be part of the fight for justice and have worked with him over the years on numerous issues. His hard work and dedication to the labor community in Colorado is tremendous.

I extend my deepest appreciation for Lauren Martens and his service and dedication to our community. I thank him for his continuous dedication to serving the people of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF TUFAIL AHMAD

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my remarkable constituents, Tufail Ahmad, who passed away on January 13, 2022. Tufail dedicated his life to civic engagement and public service. His unwavering dedication to building a better future for his family, neighbors, friends and community is a true testament to the values we cherish as a country.

Tufail was born on March 4, 1938 in the small village of Allahabad, India. As a young man, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree in Commerce from Allahabad University before emigrating to Pakistan. While in Pakistan, Tufail worked as an assistant professor and then as the Deputy Auditor General for the Pakistan Audit and Accounts Services. Tufail later travelled to the United States in 1968 as a member of the Pakistan audit team at United Nations Headquarters in New York City. After formally emigrating to the United States in 1973, Tufail briefly worked at a shipping firm before he proudly founded his own international trading firm, Euro-America Shipping and Trade Inc.

After 27 years at the trading firm, Tufail went on to volunteer community service and served as a board member of the Committee for Montgomery, Progressive Maryland and the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board. Tufail was also well known for his outstanding active